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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS COMMENTS ON TURKISH ELECTIONS

1. IN RESPONSE TO A PRESS QUERY ON THE TURKISH ELECTIONS,
PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS THE
EVENING OF JUNE 7. HIS REMARKS ARE BEING QUOTED WIDELY BY
GREEK TELEVISION AND RADIO AND IN THE PRESS.

2. QUOTE. AS I HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED, GREECE BELIEVES
SINCERELY IN THE NEED TO RESTORE GREEK-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP.
FOR THIS REASON I HOPE THAT THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL
HAVE THE STRENGTH AND ALSO THE COURAGE TO NEGOTIATE WITH US
AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. BECAUSE SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND FOR EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT
PROBLEMS WHEN THERE IS REASON AND GOOD FAITH AND, ABOVE ALL,
WHEN THEY ARE CONFRONTED WITHOUT PRECONCEPTIONS AND FANATICISM.
FROM THE GREEK SIDE THERE WILL BE A FULL RESPONSE IF THESE
PREREQUISITES ARE ALSO FULFILLED BY THE TURKISH SIDE. BESIDES,
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THIS IS DICTATED BY BOTH THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM INTEREST
OF BOTH OUR PEOPLES. UNQUOTE.
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